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TO WOLFE AND MONTCALM

'Mortem virtus communem famam historia
Monumentum posteritas dedit'¹

BY JOSEPH S. AUERBACH

To victor and vanquished together slain
This epitaph is meed; each be compeer
With the elect of fame, till to revere
Proud feats which immolation crave is vain
Accounted in nobility's demesne;
Till virtue would her treasures auctioneer
To shame, and earth impoverished the cheer
And saving grace of sun and cloud disdain.

Though outer darkness your dear lands enfold
In vision see the yester hate, today
Prevailing love; and 'gainst the morrow's sky
Ensigned renown, whereby shall be extoll'd
A common martyrdom—sentinelled way
For faith's resurgent soul that shall not die.

¹ Inscription on the Quebec monument.